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North Carmel, Me.
March 26 - 1883.

Dr. George Engelmann,

Dear Sir:-

Having some cacti which I am very desirous of knowing the botanical names of, I take the liberty to send you, with this, five numbered specimens, and a sheet containing descriptions of each. You will see I have left a blank space under each description, and if you will be so kind as to write the genus and species of each specimen, under its description, and return the sheet to me, you will confer a great favor. Doubtless your time is fully occupied, but I know of no one who would be so likely to know the names of the cacti as



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you, and I think I have arranged
it so you will not have to do any
unnecessary writing.

One more favor I will beg, - please
write the specific names very plainly
as I am young in botany, and names
which ~~would~~ ^{would} be instantly recognized
by a good botanist, might prove a
sore puzzle to me; and I have no
work on Cactaceae to refer to.

I have duplicates of the cacti; -
they may prove interesting to you
to yourself, family or some friend.

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Very truly yours,

Walter N. Pike,
No. Carmel,
Maine.



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Rec Oct. 20
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No. Carmel, Me.

July 20-1883

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,-

Dear Sir:-

I send you a few botanical specimens with this & descriptions of the ~~same~~ same. Will you be so kind as to write the botanical names in the spaces left under the descriptions and return the sheet to me? One more favor I will ask: please write the botanical names very plain and greatly oblige

Yours truly

Walter N. Pike,
North Carmel,
Maine.



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